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Dysentery has been prevalent in various districts in Japan during the present year. The total number of cases and deaths from this cause during the period January 1 to September 5, 1905, with the figures for the corresponding period of last year, are given as follows: 1905, 20,917 cases, 4,002 deaths; 1904, 11,498 cases, 2,165 deaths.

Dysentery has been particularly prevalent in the neighborhood of Osaka. In Yokohama cases of dysentery have not been unusually numerous, while Kobe has suffered quite severely.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended, September 17, 1905, for rejection: For Honolulu, 10. Per steamship *America Maru*, October 1, 1905: For Honolulu, 10; for San Francisco, 2. Per steamship *Minnesota*, October 6, 1905, 20.

Report from Kobe—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler reports, October 4, as follows:
Month of September, 1905:

September 5, steamship *Iyo Maru*, for Seattle, 6; September 14, steamship *Korea*, for San Francisco, 2; September 20, steamship *Coptic*, for Honolulu, 14; September 22, steamship *Kanagawa Maru*, for Seattle 7; September 27, steamship *China*, for Manila, 4; September 27, steamship *America Maru*, for Honolulu, 11.

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso—Mortality—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, October 16, as follows:

Period from October 3 to 16, 1905: No quarantinable diseases here or in Merida. Deaths have occurred in Progreso from the following named causes: Paludal anæmia, alcoholic cerebral congestion, intestinal infection, gastro-enteritis, chronic enteritis, athrepsia, infectious gastro-enteritis; total, 7. Steamers, 10, and sailing vessels, 1, have been dispatched, carrying 350 crew and 145 passengers; of these vessels 6 were fumigated.

The sanitary conditions are unchanged.

Report from Tampico—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Mortuary statistics—Malarial fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, October 23, as follows:

Week ended October 21, 1905:

October 15: Fumigated and passed the British steamship *Wearside*, bound for Norfolk via Perth Amboy, in a cargo of lead and copper bullion, with 26 in the crew. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *City of Tampico*, bound for New Orleans via Veracruz, in general cargo, and with 22 in the crew, 4 first-class and 1 second-class passenger. Fumigated and passed the Norwegian steamship *Norheim*, bound for Galveston via Port Arthur, in a small cargo of ixtle, with

27 in the crew and 1 passenger. October 16: Inspected and passed the British steamship *Ottawa*, bound for Philadelphia, in ballast, with 32 in the crew. October 18: Inspected and passed the American steamship *Seneca*, bound for New York via Habana, in general cargo and live stock for Cuba; 57 in the crew, 5 first-class and 1 second-class passenger. October 19: Fumigated and passed the Norwegian steamship *Malm*, bound for Galveston via Port Arthur, in ballast, with 17 in the crew. October 21: Fumigated and passed the British steamship *Marthara*, bound for New Orleans, in ballast, with 29 in the crew.

Mortuary report.—Pneumonia, 1; stillbirth, 1; alcoholism, 1; drowned, 1; railroad accident, 2; stab wound, 1; nephritis, chronic, 1; nephritis, acute, 1; paludal cachexia, 1; paludal fever, 1; intermittent fever, 3; pernicious fever, 3; diarrhea, infantile, 1; tuberculosis, 3; total, 21. Mortality rate for the week, 54.60.

The sanitary situation is without any improvement over that of the previous week. Cases of malarial fever and complications, as indicated in the mortuary report of last week, have increased in number as well as seriousness. Americans and other tourists and prospectors are very apt to become infected promptly on arrival.

Report from Veracruz—*Inspection and fumigation of vessels*—*Mosquitoes*—*Rats on ships' boats a probable source of plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, October 23, as follows:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	8
Vessels fumigated with sulphur to kill mosquitoes.....	2
Vessels departing on which mosquitoes (<i>Culex</i>) found.....	2
Number of crew inspected	311
Number of passengers inspected	123

During the week there were reported in Veracruz 3 cases of yellow fever and 3 deaths.

The steamship *Nessfield*, which sailed October 19 for Pensacola, direct, was not fumigated because the captain was notified by his agents at Pensacola that the vessel would be detained there five days even if it was fumigated here. I received notification from the Bureau in regard to this matter after the sailing of the vessel.

On examining ships' boats for mosquito larvæ and adults, and human stowaways, I have often found rat feces there. Captains have told me that they sometimes see rats in these boats. Of course it is most likely that rats frequent these places at night and while the vessel is in port and may make nests there. Some of the boats are not often used, and though covered are not so tight but that rats may gain entrance. It seems to me that this fact may be of value from a plague standpoint.

A cool norther has been blowing for several days, which has interfered with the flight of mosquitoes, but seemingly more with *Culex* and *Anopheles* than *Stegomyia*, as individuals of the last-named genus being more indoors are better protected against the wind.

MOROCCO.

Reports from Tangier—*Hamburg declared no longer suspect.*

Consul-General Gummere reports, October 3, as follows:

The sanitary council of Morocco on September 29 declared the port of Hamburg no longer suspect.